

Hobbs, NM-Friday, Congressman Harry Teague applauded U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu's announcement of the formation of a Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future to provide recommendations for developing a safe, long-term solution to managing the Nation's used nuclear fuel and nuclear waste. Former New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici will serve as a member of the Commission.

"The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad could not have been created without the leadership and vision of Senator Domenici. This year, WIPP will have successfully been disposing of waste for 10 years, providing an essential service to our nation and some of the best jobs available to my constituents," said Congressman Harry Teague. "I applaud the Department of Energy for forming a commission that is focused on advancing America's nuclear future, I look forward to working with Senator Domenici and the Commission to make sure that southeastern New Mexico remains at the forefront of this developing industry."

The Commission will provide advice and make recommendations on issues including alternatives for the storage, processing, and disposal of civilian and defense spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste.

The Commission will produce an interim report within 18 months and a final report within 24 months.

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